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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING SPECIMENS, AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF A
MAGNETIC HEAD

Group: 1746

Examiner: A. Olsen

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as set forth herein. This paper includes the following
items:

Amendment to the Specification;

Amendment to the Claims; and

Remarks.